Allocation for Rail Projects in Orissa

668. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated for doubling, electrification of Railway lines and other Railway projects in Orissa during the last five years;

(b) the total Budget allocated and amount for which utilization certificate received during the last five years;

(c) whether it is a fact that major portion of Railway Budget allocated to Orissa is not being utilised; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 1078.35 crore was allocated in the budget during the last five yeas for new lines, gauge conversion, doubling and Railway electrification projects in Orissa state. Against this, an expenditure of Rs. 981.13 crore have been incurred.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Operational Division of NF Railway in Assam

669. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more divisions on Northern Railway and other zones;

(b) whether Government of Assam has demanded the setting up of another operational division of the NF Railway in Assam, besides the two operational divisions in Alipurduar and Katihar in Bihar, if so, the justifications and grounds adduced in support of the Assam Government's demand; and

(c) Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Demands were received for creation of new Divisions of Rangiya and Badarpur on Northeast Frontier Railway in Assam.